

**BOROUGH OF LAUREL SPRINGS
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SALUTE TO THE FLAG AND MOMENT OF SILENCE was led by Mayor Barbera

OPEN MEETING ACT– Mayor Barbera stated that adequate notice of this meeting was given by emailing the Central Record and the Courier-Post on January 7, 2015 and posting on the website and bulletin board in the Borough Hall, also on Borough's website.

ROLL CALL recorded as present: Letts, McCunney, Mochel, and Cruz; absent: DiGregorio and Restreake

ENGINEER'S REPORT

CAPITAL ITEMS

1. NJDOT Municipal Aid Grant Applications – FY 2015

Our office submitted FY2015 NJDOT Municipal Aid Grant Application for the reconstruction of Washington Avenue between Grand Avenue and Chestnut Avenue and also submitted a FY2015 NJDOT Safe Routes to Transit Application for the reconstruction of sidewalk along both sides of Stone Road between Washington Avenue and Broadway. A letter from NJDOT dated April 20, 2015 indicated that funding was denied for the Washington Avenue project. A letter dated June 26, 2015 was also received from NJDOT indicating that the Borough will not receive FY2015 Safe Streets to Transit funding for the Stone Road sidewalk project.

OTHER PROJECTS

2. Stone Road Reconstruction

Camden County is currently preparing Contract Documents to bid the resurfacing of Stone Road and associated work for future construction.

3. Tax Map Digitization / Revisions

The State Division of Taxation comments and requested revisions were addressed and the tax maps have been accepted by the State. The tax map revisions are now finalized and ERI will be commencing work on the GIS mapping in the coming months.

4. Glen Avenue Sinkholes

During April, several sinkholes were observed in the 600 block of Glen Avenue that appeared to coincide with New Jersey American Water's recently abandoned water main. NJAW repaired the sinkholes in June. The repaired areas will continue to be monitored to determine whether further corrective action will be necessary.

Mr. Hansen reported that there has been further indication that the sink holes are New Jersey American Water's issue. They will be notified. Mayor Barbera asked that the County be contacted to get an update on the Stone Road Project. There was discussion of the County project currently being conducted in Stratford. It was noted that the Borough of Stratford contributed toward the cost of the some of the curbing.

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MATTERS REQUIRING OFFICIAL ACTION

▪ **APPROVAL OF MINUTES –**

- Work Session Meeting of June 8, 2015 - The motion to approve by Councilwoman Mochel, was seconded by Councilman Letts, with Mochel, Cruz, Letts and McCunney in favor, none opposed and none abstaining.
- Closed Session Meeting of June 8, 2015 – The motion to approve by Councilwoman Mochel, was seconded by Councilman McCunney, with Mochel, Cruz, Letts and McCunney in favor, none opposed and none abstaining.

▪ **ORDINANCES**

▪ **SECOND READINGS BY TITLE, PUBLIC HEARINGS AND MOTION TO ADOPTION**

- **#790-2015-AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 105 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF LAUREL SPRINGS ENTITLED “CURFEW”**
 - Public Hearing-Mayor Barbera opened the meeting to the public for questions and comments. Hearing none, he closed the meeting to the public
 - The motion to Adopt by Councilwoman Mochel, was seconded by Councilman McCunney with Letts, McCunney, Mochel, and Cruz in favor, none opposed and no abstentions
- **#791-2015- AN ORDINANCE CREATING CHAPTER 23 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF LAUREL SPRINGS ENTITLED “HEALTH”**
 - Public Hearing-Mayor Barbera opened the meeting to the public for questions and comments. Hearing none, he closed the meeting to the public
 - The motion to Adopt by Councilwoman Mochel, was seconded by Councilman McCunney with Letts, McCunney, Mochel, and Cruz in favor, none opposed and no abstentions
- **#792-2015 - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 253 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF LAUREL SPRINGS ENTITLED “TOWING”**
 - Public Hearing-Mayor Barbera opened the meeting to the public for questions and comments. Hearing none, he closed the meeting to the public
 - The motion to Adopt by Councilwoman Mochel, was seconded by Councilman McCunney with Letts, McCunney, Mochel, and Cruz in favor, none opposed and no abstentions
- **#793-2015- AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A SPECIAL EMERGENCY AUTHORIZATION PER NJSA 40A:4-53FOR THE PREPARATION OF THE MASTER PLAN**
 - Public Hearing-Mayor Barbera opened the meeting to the public for questions and comments. Hearing none, he closed the meeting to the public
 - Mayor Barbera explained that there has been one meeting on the Master Plan, and further conversations are going to be held with the Economic Improvement Committee.
 - The motion to Adopt by Councilwoman Mochel, was seconded by Councilman McCunney with Letts, McCunney, Mochel, and Cruz in favor, none opposed and no abstentions

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RESOLUTIONS

• **#078-2015 – CANCELLING OUTSTANDING CHECKS**

WHEREAS, upon review of the financial records of various bank accounts maintained by the Borough of Laurel Springs, it was determined that there are several stale-dated outstanding checks; and **WHEREAS**, it is in the best interest of the Borough to **cancel these outstanding checks**; **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Laurel Springs, that the following outstanding checks be cancelled:

<u>ACCOUNT & CHECK #</u>	<u>DATED</u>	<u>PAYEE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
		<u>General Fund</u>	
#2231	10/27/14	Public Safety Outfitters	\$ 171.96
#2262	11/10/14	Jacquelyn Vicari	119.70
#2267	11/10/14	Verizon Wireless	394.12
#2305	12/08/14	Danny Mertz	<u>71.88</u>
		Total	\$ 757.66
		<u>Recreation Trust Fund</u>	
#1192	08/13/14	James Borden	<u>\$ 350.00</u>
		Total	\$ 350.00

- The motion to approve by Councilwoman Mochel was seconded by Councilman McCunney, with Mochel, Letts, McCunney, and Cruz in favor, none opposed and no abstentions.

• **#079-2015- FOR RENEWAL OF LIQUOR LICENSE**

WHEREAS, Madira Liquors, Inc. of 211 White Horse Pike, is the holder of a Plenary Retail Consumption License in the Borough of Laurel Springs; and

WHEREAS, the said applicant has paid the \$200.00 fee filing application with the State of New Jersey, and \$2,500.00 fee to the Borough of Laurel Springs; and

WHEREAS, said applicant has complied with the health, safety, and taxation regulations and applicable local ordinances;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by Mayor and Council of the Borough of Laurel Springs, that Plenary Retail Consumption License No. 0420-33-003-013 is granted to Madira Liquors, Inc. for the period of July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016.

- The motion to approve by Councilwoman Mochel was seconded by Councilman McCunney, with Mochel, Letts, McCunney, Cruz and DiGregorio in favor, none opposed and no abstentions.

• **#080-2015- RAISING AWARENESS FOR FIBRODYSPLASIA OSSIFICANS PROGRESSIVA**

WHEREAS, Fibrodysplasia Ossificans Progressiva is an illness characterized by normal bone forming in muscles and connective tissue, forming an extra skeleton that immobilizes the body; and

WHEREAS, Fibrodysplasia Ossificans Progressiva affects children, usually in the first or second decade of life being diagnosed by the age of ten, depriving them of normal development; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that 2,500 people worldwide are afflicted with Fibrodysplasia Ossificans Progressiva, with 200 diagnosed cases in the United States and 12 cases in New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, currently the University of Pennsylvania is the only medical research facility investigating a cure for Fibrodysplasia Ossificans Progressiva; and

WHEREAS, numerous states, countries and international organizations have joined together to increase public awareness of this devastating, rare genetic disorder, to promote research to find the cure; and

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WHEREAS, the Borough of Bellmawr has recently alerted Camden County Municipalities that one of their own Borough children, 4-year old, A. J. Gonzales, is afflicted with this dreaded disease and have asked for this resolution of support; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Laurel Springs wishes to help to increase awareness of Fibrodysplasia Ossificans Progressiva and to provide public support to find a cause and a cure for this devastating disorder.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of Borough of Laurel Springs wishes to help raise awareness of this devastating disease and support research to find a cause and cure for Fibrodysplasia Ossificans Progressiva, urging all residents to learn about this devastating disorder with the hope of developing a treatment and cure.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Mr. Gary Whyte, advocate for the F.O.P. awareness campaign and to the Governing Body of the Borough Bellmawr expressing the care and concern of the citizens of the Borough of Laurel Springs.

- The motion to approve by Councilwoman Mochel was seconded by Councilman McCunney, with Mochel, Letts, McCunney, and Cruz in favor, none opposed and no abstentions.

• **#081-2015- TO CANCEL ERRONEOUS SEWER BILLING**

WHEREAS, certain adjustments are necessary to the records of the Tax Collector;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Laurel Springs, County of Camden, State of New Jersey that the following adjustments be approved.

<u>OWNER</u>	<u>ACCOUNT #</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>REASON</u>
DEL PIDIO ERROR/CONVERSION	86-0	\$175.00	BILLING

- The motion to approve by Councilwoman Mochel was seconded by Councilman McCunney, with Mochel, Letts, McCunney, and Cruz in favor, none opposed and no abstentions.

• **#082-2015- AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE PAYMENT OF COSTS INCURRED FOR THE PREPARATION OF THE MASTER PLAN**

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Borough Council has adopted an Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance Authorizing a Special Emergency Appropriation pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-53," and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to make a Special Emergency Appropriation to meet certain extraordinary expenses incurred, or to be incurred, for engagement of special consultants for the preparation of the Master Plan, and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-55 provides that it shall be lawful to make such appropriation, which appropriation and/or the special emergency notes issued to finance the same shall be provided for in succeeding annual budgets by the inclusion of an appropriation of at least one-fifth of the amount authorized pursuant to this act;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the affirmative vote of not less than two-thirds of all the members of the Borough Council, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-53 and 40A: 4-55, that:

1. A special emergency authorization is hereby made for the preparation of the Master Plan, in the amount of \$20,000.
2. The special emergency authorization shall be provided for in the budgets of the next succeeding five years by the inclusion of not less than \$4,000 per year commencing with the Budget for 2016.
3. An emergency note be authorized not in excess of \$20,000, the amount appropriated by ordinance as stated above.
4. Such note shall be executed by Dean Ciminera, Chief Financial Officer.

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5. Said note shall be issued in 2016, and be renewed from time to time provided that said note and any renewals shall mature and be paid in the amount of not less than one-fifth of the total amount appropriated by this resolution in each year after the authorization.

6. That two (2) certified copies of this Resolution be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services; however, no approval is required from the Division.

- The motion to approve by Councilwoman Mochel was seconded by Councilman McCunney, with Mochel, Letts, McCunney, and Cruz in favor, none opposed and no abstentions.

#083-2015- GRASS AND WEED OVERGROWTH

WHEREAS, grass and weeds have accumulated at the property(ies) known as Block 4, Lot ; Block 31, Lot 6; Block 37, Lot 1.01; Block 46, Lot 18; and

WHEREAS, such accumulation of yard waste, grass and weeds is in violation of the Code of the Borough of Laurel Springs 193-7; and

WHEREAS, attempts to have the owner maintain property(ies) has been unsuccessful; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 193 of the Code of the Borough of Laurel Springs states the need for maintenance of properties in the best interest of the inhabitants of the Borough; and

WHEREAS, the Borough has authorized and effected maintenance to the above mentioned property(ies); and

WHEREAS, the cost of this maintenance has been certified by the Property Maintenance Officer as follows:

<u>STREET ADDRESS</u>	<u>BLOCK/LOT</u>	<u>OWNER OF RECORD</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
323 White Horse Pike	4/1	Cornerstone Bank	\$100.00
908 Stone Road	37/1.01	Pincus, Richard A & Brit Irene	\$100.00
621 Stone Road	31/6	Moore, Matthew	\$150.00
504 W. Stafford Avenue	46/18	Clark, William & Christine	\$50.00

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Laurel Springs, County of Camden, State of New Jersey that a certified copy of this Resolution shall be filed with the Collector of Taxes and the above referenced amounts forthwith become a lien upon such lands and shall be added to and become form and part of the taxes next to be assessed and liens placed upon such lands and to bear interest at the same rate as the taxes.

- The motion to approve by Councilwoman Mochel was seconded by Councilman McCunney with Mochel, Letts, McCunney, and Cruz in favor, none opposed and no abstentions.

• **#084-2015- REQUESTING GOVERNOR CHRIS CHRISTIE DECLARE THE BOROUGH OF LAUREL SPRINGS A STATE OF EMERGENCY DUE TO THE JUNE 23, 2015 STORM.**

WHEREAS, on Tuesday, June 23, 2015 the Borough of Laurel Springs experienced, as did many surrounding towns in the Camden County area, a straight wind storm with 85 mph winds along with torrential rains through our town at approximately 6:15 pm causing power outages throughout the town and mass destruction, and ;

WHEREAS, these winds and rains caused trees to fall on power lines and in many cases, fell into homes, on cars and damaged property throughout the Borough of Laurel Springs and;

WHEREAS, the man hours needed for the cleanup of the borough due to the destruction will cost a tremendous amount of money that was also not anticipated in the 2015 budget causing a hardship for our town, and;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Laurel Springs, at an emergency meeting held on Friday, June 26, 2015 is respectfully requesting that you,

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Governor Chris Christie, declare a State of Emergency for the Borough of Laurel Springs, County of Camden, State of New Jersey, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution will be forwarded to the 4th District State Legislator.

- The motion to approve by Councilwoman Mochel was seconded by Councilman McCunney with Letts, McCunney, Mochel, and Cruz in favor, none opposed and no abstentions.

• **#085-2015- FOR RENEWAL OF LIQUOR LICENSE**

WHEREAS, SFV, LLC. of 26 Stone Road, is the holder of a Plenary Retail Consumption License in the Borough of Laurel Springs; and

WHEREAS, the said applicant has paid the \$200.00 fee filing application with the State of New Jersey, and \$2,500.00 fee to the Borough of Laurel Springs; and

WHEREAS, said applicant has complied with the health, safety, and taxation regulations and applicable local ordinances;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by Mayor and Council of the Borough of Laurel Springs, that Plenary Retail Consumption License No. 0420-33-003-013 is granted to SFV, LLC for the period of July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016.

- The motion to approve by Councilwoman Mochel was seconded by Councilman McCunney with Mochel, Letts, McCunney, and Cruz in favor, none opposed and no abstentions.
- **RESOLVED TO PAY \$440,542.59 FROM CURRENT ACCOUNT AND \$103,120.49 FROM TRUST AND CAPITAL ACCOUNTS**
 - The motion to approve by Councilman Mochel was seconded by Councilman McCunney with Mochel, Letts, McCunney, and Cruz in favor, none opposed and no abstentions.

APPOINTMENT – Mayor Barbera appointed Wayne Bommer as a member of the newly designated Board of Health. More appointments will be necessary, however, Mayor Barbera has a meeting set up with the County Health Director, and will make the rest of the appointments once they have had an opportunity to meet.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS, BOARDS, SERVICES-** Council President Redstreak was not present.
- **DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC BUILDINGS & GROUNDS** – Councilman McCunney reported that the new police car had been striped and is available for use. Mayor Barbera read the Borough Architects report.
- **DIRECTOR OF MUNICIPAL COURT** –
- **DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE** – Councilman Letts read the CFO's Report for the Month ending June 30, 2015, as submitted by CFO Ciminera, a copy of which is on file and available for review.
- **DIRECTOR OF RECREATION** – Councilman Cruz read the Recreation Commission Report dated July 13, 2015, a copy of which is on file and available for review.
- **DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY – POLICE AND FIRE** - Councilwoman Mochel read the Police Report and Fire Department Reports for the Month of June, 2015 as submitted by Chief Carmen Rabottino and Chief Ken Cheeseman respectively, copies of which are on file and available for review.
- **MAYOR'S REPORT** – Mayor Barbera read his report which reviews his activities from the date of the last regular Meeting, a copy of which is on file and available for review. He reviewed his recent teleconference with various municipalities hosted by the New Jersey League of Municipalities with regard to Verizon eliminating maintenance of the copper wire, and certain immunities and exceptions

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they are being afforded by the NJBPU so they will not have to maintain the standard of care. The Cumberland County Solicitor is appointed to lead the objection to these actions by the NJBPU, which are already in effect. There was discussion as to why this was not reported by the media.

CORRESPONDENCE

- From Bryce Youngberg thanking Council for his School Award – Mayor Barbera extended his thanks to Council.
- From CFO Ciminera regarding the Revaluation – permission has been granted by the Camden County Tax regarding putting off the revaluation until 2016, at which time it must be accomplished.
- From Camden County Taxation thanking Council for use of the Borough Hall – Camden County Tax has used the Borough Council Room for their Tax Court, and thanked the Borough.
- From NJDOT declining 2015 Safe Street to Transit Grant Application – as previously reported the application was decline.
- From NJDCA announcing new Minimum Bid Thresholds – new quotation and formal bid thresholds are now in place.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

ITEMS RECEIVED AFTER THE AGENDA

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Tuesday, July 14, 2015 @ 7 pm, Whitman Stafford Committee Meeting @ Farmhouse
- Thursday, July 16, 2015 @ 7 pm, Combined Land Use Board - CANCELLED
- Wednesday, July 22, 2015 @ 6 pm, Blueberry Festival @ Farmhouse
- There are no Work Session Meetings in the month of May, June, July or August
- Wednesday, August 5, 2015 @ 7 pm, Recreation Commission @ Rec Center
- Monday, August 10, 2015 @ 7 pm, Regular Meeting of Mayor and Council @ Borough Hall

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

ADJOURNMENT –There being no further business a motion was made by Councilman Cruz, which was seconded by Councilman Letts to adjourn at 7:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn T. Amadio, RMC
Municipal Clerk